

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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February 24, 2004

FROM: KEN A. MILLER, Director
Department of Public Works – Regional Parks Division

SUBJECT: CLAIM OF ARTICLE 3 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Chief of Regional Parks Division to submit a claim to San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) to receive up to \$725,348 of Article 3 Local Transportation Funds for development of Phase II of the Santa Ana River Trail located in the Colton/San Bernardino area.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On May 9, 2000 the Board approved a contract with SANBAG (No. 00-284) for a grant of \$3,500,000 for the purpose of constructing a 3.5-mile section of the Santa Ana River Trail (SART) Phase II, from La Cadena Drive to Waterman Avenue. Of this grant amount, \$2,774,652 was awarded in federal funds, and \$725,348 was awarded under Article 3 of the County's Local Transportation Fund (LTF). The California Transportation Development Act of 1972 established in each county a LTF. Revenues from one quarter of one cent of state sales taxes collected are placed into these funds statewide to be used mainly for transit, pedestrian/bicycle projects, and community transit service. Specifically, Article 3 funds are reserved for pedestrian/bicycle projects. The San Bernardino County LTF and its revenues are administered by San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG). The LTF Article 3 award is a reimbursable grant.

This action will authorize the Chief of Regional Parks Division to submit a claim to SANBAG, in accordance with established procedures, for up to \$725,348, or 17% of the total project costs, whichever is less. Subsequent to this action, the Regional Parks Division will be allowed to submit monthly claims, up to that maximum, based on actual project costs. Currently, the estimate for reimbursement from the LTF is approximately \$693,260 (based on 17% of the total project cost, currently estimated at \$4,078,000).

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by Deputy County Counsel Fiona Luke (387-5474) on February 9, 2004 and by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst 387-4635) on February 11, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this item will allow the County to claim up to \$725,348 in Article 3 LTF funds to be deposited into the Regional Parks Trails Fund (RTS-CCP-CCP) to offset project costs for the Santa Ana River Trail, Phase II. The total cost of the project is currently estimated at \$4,078,000, with the Article 3 LTF funds financing \$693,260 of this amount. The remaining cost of this project will be financed through federal funds from SANBAG (\$2,774,652), previously approved transfer from the County General Fund (\$274,000), and a pledge of funds from The Wildlands Conservancy (\$336,088).

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): 5th

PRESENTER: Thomas A. Potter, Chief of Regional Parks 387-2340

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